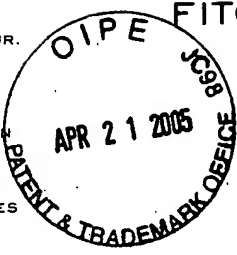


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Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation
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Dear Sir:

The following documents are being submitted for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Species Election Requirement;
2. Second Preliminary Amendment;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
4. Return postcard.

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Applicant(s) have calculated additional fees as follows:

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